



Meriden COVID-19 Response Weekly Update **January 24-28, 2022**

From the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services

City of Meriden – as of January 27, 2022	Lab-Confirmed and Probable Cases	COVID-19 Associated Deaths	State Alert System Status
Total Cases	15,306 total (14,026 confirmed and 1,278 probable)	190 confirmed and probable	RED

CDC ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

This chart does not apply to fully vaccinated children under 18.

In their most recent [guidance for quarantine and isolation](#) (dated January 9, 2022), CDC advised that for adults 18 years and older, only those who have received a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine should be included in the group of individuals not required to quarantine at home after a close contact with a known COVID-19 case, whereas individuals younger than 18 years need only be fully vaccinated.

CDC Isolation and Quarantine Guidance – Effective December 27, 2021

If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate):

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home for 5 days.
 - If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
 - Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.*

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

If you:

Have been boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.

If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

If you:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Are unvaccinated

- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on day 5 if possible.

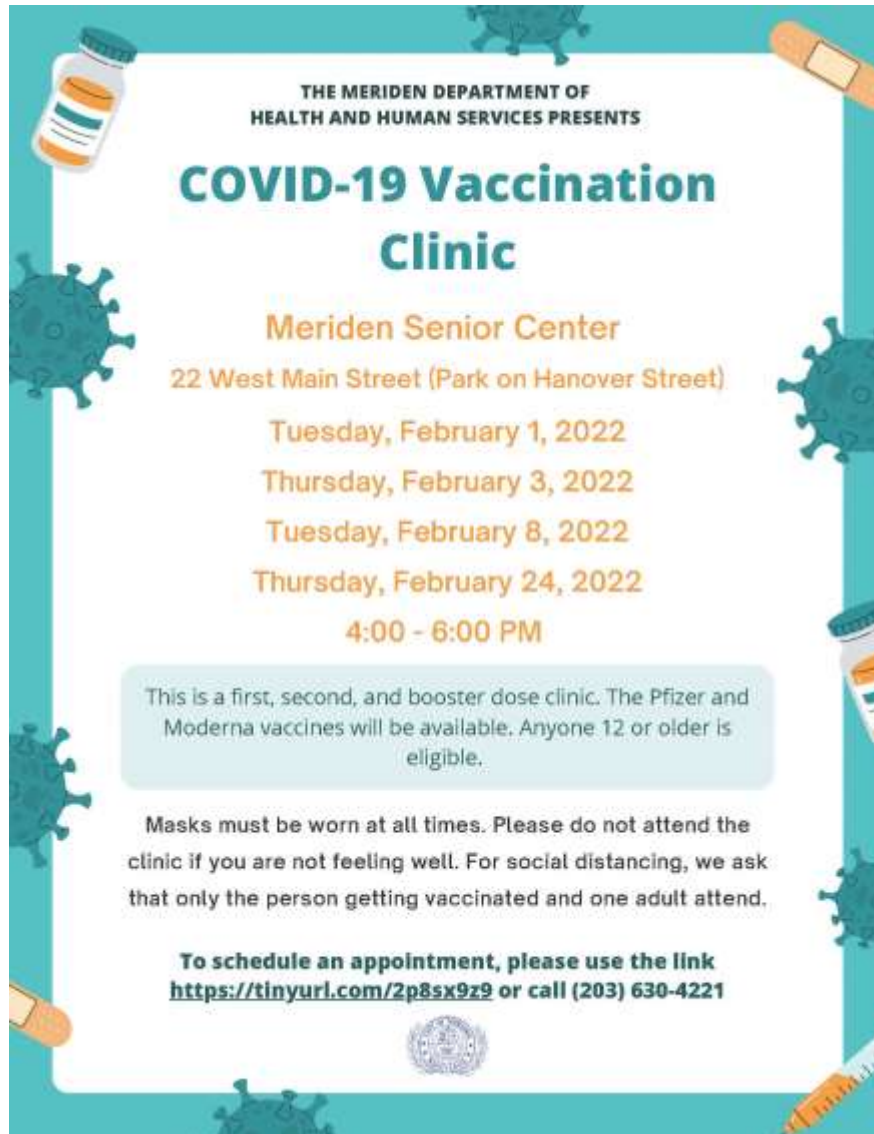
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COVID-19 VACCINATION

As of January 27, 2021:

**70.1% of Meriden's eligible residents are
FULL VACCINATED. This is +1.9% since last week.**

**77.41% of Meriden's eligible residents have
INITIATED VACCINATION. This is +1.33% since last week.**

A poster for a COVID-19 vaccination clinic. The poster has a teal border decorated with illustrations of a vaccine bottle, a bandage, and virus particles. The text is centered and reads: 'THE MERIDEN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PRESENTS' in small black letters, followed by 'COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic' in large teal letters. Below that, 'Meriden Senior Center' is in orange, followed by '22 West Main Street (Park on Hanover Street)' in orange. The dates 'Tuesday, February 1, 2022', 'Thursday, February 3, 2022', 'Tuesday, February 8, 2022', and 'Thursday, February 24, 2022' are listed in orange, with '4:00 - 6:00 PM' in orange below them. A light blue box contains the text: 'This is a first, second, and booster dose clinic. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be available. Anyone 12 or older is eligible.' Below this, it says 'Masks must be worn at all times. Please do not attend the clinic if you are not feeling well. For social distancing, we ask that only the person getting vaccinated and one adult attend.' At the bottom, it says 'To schedule an appointment, please use the link' followed by the URL 'https://tinyurl.com/2p8sx9z9' and 'or call (203) 630-4221'. A small circular seal is at the bottom center.

THE MERIDEN DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PRESENTS

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Meriden Senior Center
22 West Main Street (Park on Hanover Street)

Tuesday, February 1, 2022
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Thursday, February 24, 2022
4:00 - 6:00 PM

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Masks must be worn at all times. Please do not attend the clinic if you are not feeling well. For social distancing, we ask that only the person getting vaccinated and one adult attend.

To schedule an appointment, please use the link
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8sx9z9> or call (203) 630-4221

Register for our February
COVID-19 vaccination
clinics through the link
below

<https://tinyurl.com/3ken69hv>

or call us at 203-630-
4221.

Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine
Community Health Center, Inc.

Every Saturday and Sunday
10am-4pm

CHC of Meriden
134 State Street, Meriden

Wear clothing that is accessible for
vaccination in the arm.

Offering Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson
& Johnson Vaccines & Boosters

Age 5 years and older

VACCINATION CLINIC

For CHC Vaccine Locations
visit: <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-vaccine/>

Obtenga su vacuna de COVID-19
Community Health Center, Inc.

Todos los Sábados y Domingos
10am-4pm

CHC de Meriden
134 State Street, Meriden

Traiga identificación. Use ropa que sea
accesible para la vacunación en el brazo.

Vacunas y vacunas de refuerzo de
Pfizer, Moderna y J&J disponibles

Edades de 5 años y más

CLÍNICA DE VACUNACIÓN EMERGENTE

Para conocer las ubicaciones de prueba de CHC,
visit: <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-vaccine/>

VACCINATION DATA

Meriden Vaccination Rates by Age Group:

Age Group	Percent with at least one dose (as of 1/26/2022)	Difference since last week (1/19/2022)
Age 5 to 11	31.64	+0.77
Age 12 to 17	78.16	+2.58
Age 18 to 24	78.24	+1.78
Age 25 to 44	78.96	+1.6
Age 45 to 64	90.11	+1.11
Age 65 +	100	No change
Age Group	Fully Vaccinated (as of 1/26/2022)	Difference since last week (1/19/2022)
Age 5 to 11	21.26	+1.46
Age 12 to 17	69.99	+3.31
Age 18 to 24	68.15	+1.95
Age 25 to 44	71.28	+1.81
Age 45 to 64	84.03	+1.62
Age 65+	95.25	+2.48

Meriden Vaccination by [Race/Ethnicity](#):

Race/Ethnicity	Percent with at least one dose (as of 1/26/2022)	Difference since last week (1/19/2022)
NH American Indian	38.1	No Change
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	80.1	+2.1
NH Black	66.5	+1.4
Hispanic	79.3	+2.1
NH White	65.2	+0.3
Race/Ethnicity	Fully Vaccinated (as of 1/26/2022)	Difference since last week 1/19/2022)
NH American Indian	31.3	No Change
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	68.6	+3.7
NH Black	58.1	+1.8
Hispanic	70.2	+2.8
NH White	61.6	+1.3

COVID-19 BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Data updates on breakthrough cases in Connecticut

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is reporting that as of January 26, 2022, a total of 150,141 cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated persons in Connecticut have been identified. Of the more than 2.5 million people in Connecticut who are fully vaccinated, 5.84% have contracted the virus.

For more data on breakthrough cases in Connecticut, [see pages 6 through 9 of this week's extended COVID-19 data report](#).

TESTING INFORMATION

We are aware that testing is in high demand and short supply and are advocating for more testing sites in Meriden.



NEW - Hartford Healthcare is offering COVID-19 testing at Midstate Medical Center (435 Lewis Avenue, Meriden) Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm by appointment only.

No walk ins will be taken. [Make your appointment by clicking here.](#)

Wren Labs, the state supported testing site at 13 Orange Street, has expanded their hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00am – 12:00pm and 3:00-6:00pm, and Saturdays 8:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm.

This site is not operated by the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services. If you have questions or concerns about your test, please email Wren Labs at covid@wrenlaboratories.com.

A poster for Wren Laboratories COVID-19 testing. At the top is the Wren Laboratories logo. Below it is the title "Wren Laboratories provides Covid-19 testing at State Supported Testing Sites". The middle section features a grid of 48 small portraits of diverse people, all wearing face masks. Below the grid, there is a list of bullet points describing the testing process: "Safe, effective, COVID-19 saliva-based testing", "Convenient, simple, painless and takes only 2-3 minutes to complete", "99.9% accurate", "Patients will be asked for insurance information, there is no cost or out-of-pocket expense for a COVID test at all State sponsored locations.", and "Results are obtained via email within 2-3 business days." Below the bullet points is a section titled "COVID-19 Test Sites" with three columns: "Old Saybrook" (115 College Street), "Middletown, CT" (Cross Street AME Zion Church, 440 West Street), and "Meriden, CT" (Parking Lot, 13 Orange Street). To the right of these columns are the "Meriden Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 8am-12pm and 3-6pm. Saturday 8am-12pm and 1-4pm." At the bottom left is the DPH logo. In the center bottom is a dark blue box with white text: "Please go to website for the latest day and time information at each location, and to pre-schedule an appointment. wrencovidtesting.com/community.html". To the right of this box is a QR code. At the very bottom, it says "Limited walk-in appointments are available. Wait times may vary, so please plan ahead." and "Wren Laboratories, 688 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06405 | Tel: (203) 208-3464 | covid@wrenlaboratories.com".

NOTE: The testing site will be closed on Saturday, January 29, due to the expected snowstorm.

[CLICK HERE FOR A FULL LIST OF COVID-19 testing at State Supported Testing Sites:](#)

Persons being tested for COVID-19 at State Supported Testing Sites will be asked for their insurance information but there will be no out-of-pocket expenses. Additionally, if their insurance does not pay, the individual will not be billed.

****Note: If individuals do not have insurance, they will be tested and not billed at any of these State Supported Testing Sites. ****

For a list of all testing sites in Connecticut, please visit Infoline 211:

<https://tinyurl.com/yax8yg4p>

SCHOOL UPDATES

Below is a dashboard maintained by Meriden Public Schools on the number of positive students and staff, and quarantined students and staff. Note that quarantine is due to being identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 exposure in any setting. For data sets on each school, please [visit the CT Open Data Portal](#).

As of January 27, 2022

Meriden Public Schools Quarantine Dashboard				
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff
Year Totals	1312	233	1694	27
Current Totals	88	17	2	1
Finished Totals	1224	216	1692	26
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff
Year Percentages	14.64%	16.64%	18.90%	1.93%
Current Percentage	0.98%	1.21%	0.02%	0.07%

NEW CT DPH/CSDE Quarantine, Isolation, and Contact Tracing [can be found here](#).

CONTACT TRACING

If you get a call from one of our contact tracers or a state CT DPH contact tracer, please answer!

Our office continues to use the state [ContaCT Tracing System](#) to follow up on known contacts of COVID-19 positive Meriden residents who have a lab-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.



Due to the large number of cases, our Contact Tracers prioritize those under the age of 18 and any case that comes into our system in the last 24 hours. We do not do contact tracing on weekends and holidays.

The information collected through ContaCT will be used to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We ask about vaccination and booster status to help [determine if a person needs to quarantine](#) if exposed to someone with COVID-19.

****Note, we do not do contact tracing for private businesses or clubs. We do provide guidance to the point-person of each entity on how to identify close contacts. We also provide this guidance to the individual that tests positive so they can contact their close contacts and ask them to quarantine.**

**We will NEVER ask for social security or financial information.
We will NEVER disclose your COVID-19 status to identified close contacts.**

TOWN ALERT LEVELS

The CT DPH provides a [weekly, color-coded COVID-19 alert map](#) for every city and town in the state, identifying the average daily case rate per 100,000 population over the last two weeks.

Week	Cases over 14 days	Case Rate Per 100,000	Percent Test Positivity	Alert Level
9/27 to 10/10/2020	53	6.4	1.4%	Yellow
10/4 to 10/17/2020	68	8.2	1.5%	Yellow
10/11 to 10/24/2020	100	12.0	2.2%	Orange
10/18 to 10/31/2020	238	28.6	4.3%	RED
10/25 to 11/7/2020	436	53.4	6.8%	RED
11/1 to 11/14/2020	624	74.9	8.8%	RED
11/08 to 11/21/2020	626	75.1	8.8%	RED
11/15 to 11/28/2020	634	76.1	8.9%	RED
11/22 to 12/5/2020	748	89.7	10.4%	RED
11/29 to 12/11/2020	831	99.7	10.6%	RED
12/06 to 12/19/2020	673	80.7	9.9%	RED
12/13 to 12/26/2020	635	76.2	10.4%	RED
12/20 to 1/2/2021	718	86.1	10.4%	RED
12/27 to 1/9/2021	797	95.6	10.4%	RED
1/6 to 1/13/2021	732	87.8	9.5%	RED
1/10 to 1/23/2021	615	73.8	7.9%	RED
1/17 to 1/30/2021	549	65.9	7.5%	RED
1/24 to 2/6/2021	478	57.3	7.7%	RED
1/31 to 2/13/2021	404	48.5	6.9%	RED
2/7 to 2/20/2021	324	38.9	5.6%	RED
2/14 to 2/27/2021	281	33.7	4.5%	RED
2/21 to 3/6/2021	219	26.3	3.9%	RED
2/28 to 3/13/2021	164	19.7	3.4%	RED
3/07 to 3/20/2021	196	23.5	3.9%	RED
3/14 to 3/27/2021	260	31.2	4.3%	RED
3/21 to 4/3/2021	287	34.4	4.5%	RED

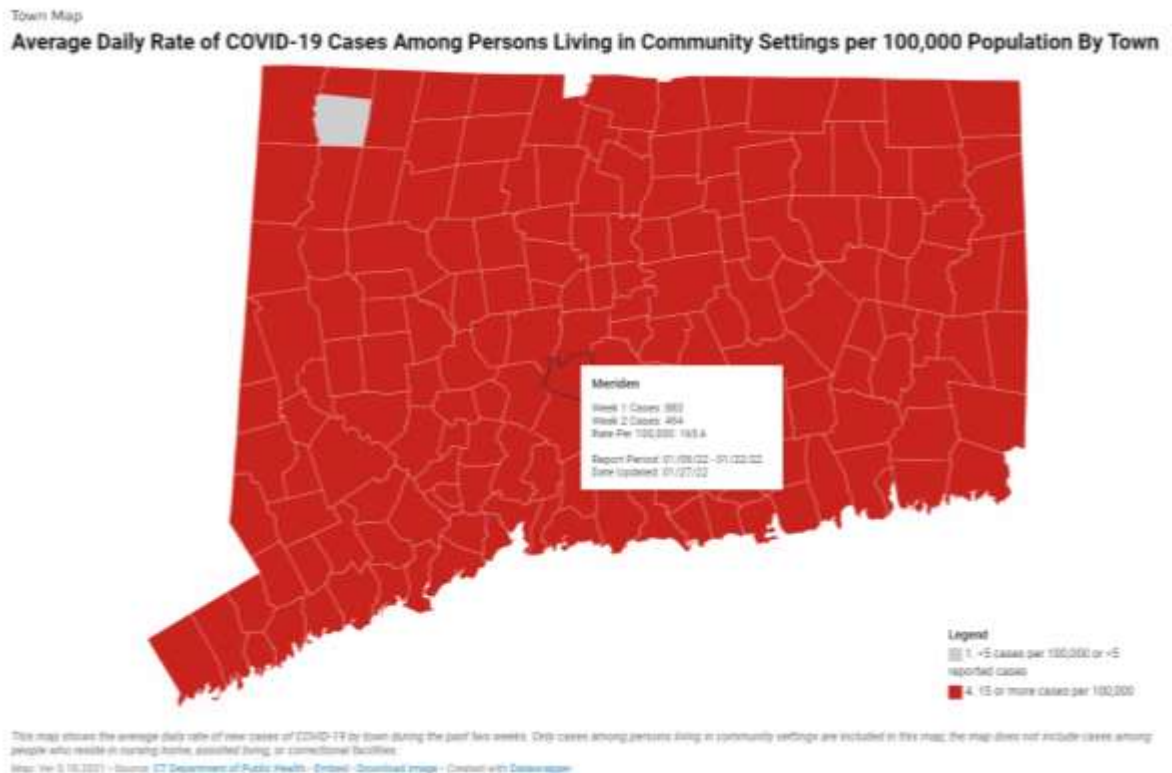
3/28 to 4/10/2021	258	31.0	4.3%	RED
4/04 to 4/17/2021	258	31.0	4.4%	RED
4/11 to 4/24/2021	278	33.4	4.9%	RED
4/18 to 5/1/2021	237	28.4	4.5%	RED
4/25 to 5/8/2021	207	24.9	4.3%	RED
5/2 to 5/15/2021	126	15.2	3.4%	RED
5/9 to 5/22/2021	60	7.8	2.4%	YELLOW
5/16 to 5/29/2021	<5	<5	1.5%	GRAY
5/23 to 6/05/2021	<5	<5	0.8%	GRAY
5/30 to 6/12/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/06 to 6/19/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/13 to 6/23/2021	<5	<5	0.8%	GRAY
6/20 to 7/3/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/27 to 7/10/2021	<5	<5	1.2%	GRAY
7/04 to 7/17/2021	<5	<5	1.7%	GRAY
7/11 to 7/24/2021	47	5.7	2.6%	YELLOW
7/18 to 7/31/2021	78	9.6	3.1%	YELLOW
7/25 to 8/7/2021	140	16.8	4.0%	RED
8/1 to 8/14/2021	168	20.2	5.2%	RED
8/8 to 8/21/2021	156	18.8	4%	RED
8/15 to 8/28/2021	179	21.5	5.8%	RED
8/22 to 9/04/2021	169	20.3	5.3%	RED
8/29 to 9/11/2021	140	16.8	4.3%	RED
9/5 to 9/18/2021	130	15.3	3.7%	RED
9/12 to 9/25/2021	121	14.7	3.3%	ORANGE
9/19 to 10/02/2021	118	14.2	3.2%	ORANGE
9/26 to 10/9/2021	128	15.4	3.4%	RED
10/3 to 10/16/2021	120	14.4	3.3%	ORANGE
10/10 to 10/23/2021	105	12.6	3.0%	ORANGE
10/17 to 10/30/2021	103	12.4	3.1%	ORANGE
10/24 to 11/6/2021	102	12.3	3.5%	ORANGE
10/31 to 11/13/2021	120	14.4	4.0%	ORANGE
11/07 to 11/20/2021	148	17.8	4.5%	RED
11/14 to 11/27/2021	211	25.4	6.2%	RED
11/21 to 12/4/2021	346	41.6	8.7%	RED
11/28 to 12/11/2021	475	57.1	9.4%	RED
12/5 to 12/18/2021	667	80.2	11.7%	RED
12/12 to 12/25/2021	971	116.8	16.2%	RED
12/19/2021 to 1/1/2022	1,832	220.3	27%	RED
12/26/2021 to 1/8/2022	2,656	319.4	35.5%	RED
1/02 to 1/15/2022	2,217	266.6	34.1%	RED
1/9 to 1/22/22	1377	165.6	26.6%	RED

[This dataset](#) includes a count and rate per 100,000 population for COVID-19 cases, a count of COVID-19 molecular diagnostic tests, and a percent positivity rate for tests among people living in community settings for the previous two-week period. Dates are based on date of specimen collection (cases and positivity).

A person is considered a new case only upon their first COVID-19 testing result because a case is defined as an instance or bout of illness. If they are tested again subsequently and are still positive, it still counts toward the test positivity metric but they are not considered another case.

These case and test counts do not include cases or tests among people residing in congregate settings, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or correctional facilities.

These data are updated weekly and reflect the previous two full Sunday-Saturday (MMWR) weeks (https://www.cdc.gov/nndss/document/MMWR_week_overview.pdf).



NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING UPDATE (BIWEEKLY)

Bi-weekly update on the impact of COVID-19 on nursing homes

The following documents contain the bi-weekly data regarding each of the nursing homes in Connecticut that have reported positive cases of COVID-19. The data is presented as it was reported to the state by each of the facilities. These reports are issued every other Thursday.

****Download:** [Report from January 20, 2022, on COVID-19 in Connecticut nursing homes](#)

Governor Lamont Issues Order Requiring Nursing Home Visitors Show Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination or Negative Test Result

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont today announced that he has issued an executive order ([Executive Order No. 14F](#)) directing all nursing homes in Connecticut to require visitors to either show proof that they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have recently tested negative for the virus in order to enter the facilities.

“We know that some of the people who are most vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19 include those who live in nursing homes, which is why we need to be doing everything we can to protect them from this virus,” **Governor Lamont said**. “This is one more precaution we can implement at these facilities to keep them safe.”

Specifically, when entering nursing homes, visitors must:

- Provide proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and, if eligible, under FDA or CDC guidance, have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster;
- Provide paper or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from either a rapid antigen test that was completed within the previous 48 hours or a PCR test that was completed within the previous 72 hours; or
- Take a rapid antigen test at the nursing home.

The order requires nursing homes to deny entrance to any visitor that tests positive for COVID-19 or who refuses to take a rapid antigen test. The order further provides, according to guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, that a nursing home cannot deny entrance to any visitor who is willing to take a rapid antigen test but is unable to do so because the nursing home is not able to provide a rapid antigen test.

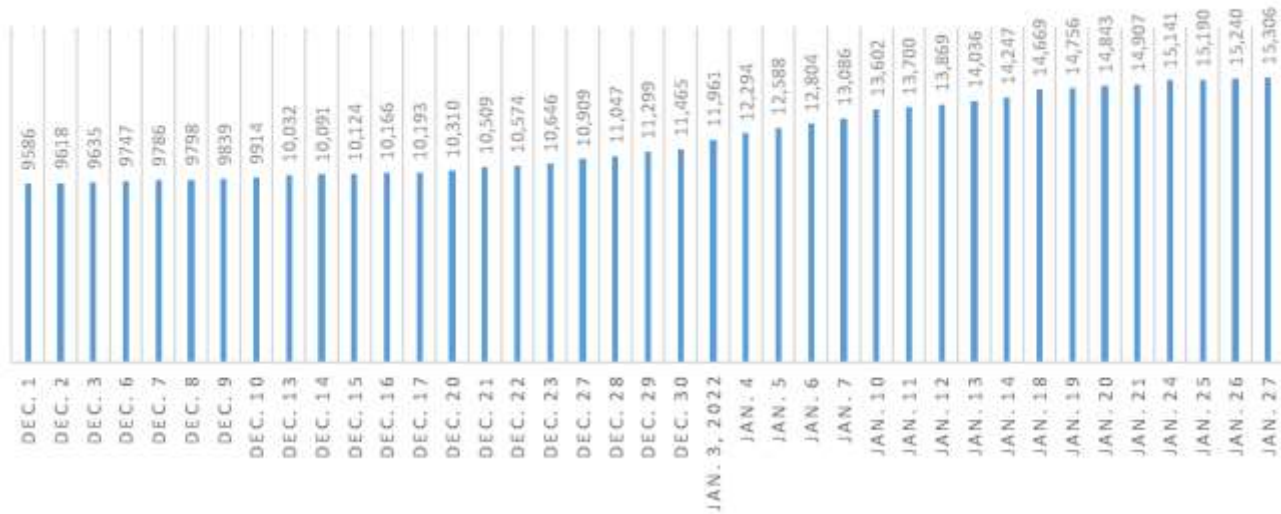
The Connecticut Department of Public Health plans on distributing 50,000 rapid antigen tests to all nursing homes. These are to be used exclusively to facilitate safe visitation. Distribution will begin on Friday, January 21, 2022.

The order takes effect on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

****Download:** [Governor Lamont’s Executive Order No. 14F](#)

MERIDEN DATA CHARTS

MERIDEN COVID-19 CASES CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE: DECEMBER 1, 2021 TO PRESENT



Meriden COVID-19 Total Cases By Month (Confirmed and Probable)

